

**REMARKS**

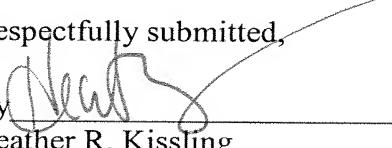
This preliminary amendment is submitted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated August 26, 2009. The Notice indicated that the amendment dated November 2, 2006<sup>1</sup>, was non-compliant for including the text of canceled claims. In response, the text of the canceled claims has been removed. In addition, claims 14 and 66-69 have been amended to correct typographical errors. The remaining claim amendments set forth herein mirror those presented in the amendment dated November 2, 2006.

The Office is respectfully requested to enter the claim amendments set forth herein. The Remarks of the Amendment dated November 2, 2006, are not repeated here. Please consider those remarks in reviewing this response. No fee is believed to be due in connection with this response. However, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees which should have been filed herewith to Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under Order No. 30694/41889.

Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. The Office is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone if there are issues or questions that might be efficiently resolved in that manner.

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Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>1</sup> The Notice refers to the amendment as "filed on" November 6, 2006, which is the date the Patent Office received the Amendment And Response to Notification Of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. § 371 In The United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US), dated November 2, 2006.